

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A job guidance and assistance system for guiding and assisting a job of producing a document ~~with using a computer~~, comprising:

a referring record database;

a referring record searcher;

a document production record searcher;

a similarity estimator; and

a computer, wherein the computer is programmed to:

~~a referring record database for memorizing therein~~ store in the referring record database a relationship ~~built up~~ formed between a document to be produced and a reference material, which is referred to for producing the document;

~~a referring record search means for searching out~~ search for the relationship between the document to be produced and the reference material, which is ~~memorized~~ stored in the referring record database, by using the referring record searcher; and

~~a document production record search means for searching out~~ search for a reference relationship between the document and the reference material, by using the document production record searcher; and

form the relationship, by using the similarity estimator, wherein the relationship is based on a comparison of at least one word appearing in the document to be produced and the reference document, a comparison of categories of the document to be produced and the reference document, and a comparison of a referring time or a referring frequency of the document to be produced and the reference document.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The job guidance and assistance system ~~with using a computer~~, as described in claim 1, further comprising ~~a display means for display~~ displaying the relationship thereon.

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The job guidance assistance system ~~with using a computer~~, as described in ~~the claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein said similarity ~~estimator estimation means~~ estimates that the reference material is opened, if the reference material is opened ~~during~~ when the document to be produced is opened.

6. (currently amended) A job guidance and assistance method ~~with using~~
~~implemented by a computer~~, for guiding and assisting ~~job~~ a job for producing a
document, comprising ~~the following steps of~~ operating the computer to:

~~accumulating~~ accumulate a document to be produced and a reference
material, which is referred to for producing the document, into a database, in a
hierarchical manner, while establishing a relationship ~~therebetween~~ between the
document and the reference material; ~~and~~

~~displaying~~ display the hierarchical relationship; and

form the relationship, wherein the relationship is based on a comparison of at
least one word appearing in the document to be produced and the reference
document, a comparison of categories of the document to be produced and the
reference document, and a comparison of a referring time or a referring frequency of
the document to be produced and the reference document.

7. (currently amended) The job guidance and assistance method ~~with using a~~
~~computer~~, as described in the claim 6, wherein the relationship is ~~built up between~~
~~the document to be produced and the reference document~~, by making comparison
~~on at least one of a word appearing in the document~~, by making a comparison ~~on at~~
~~least one of a word appearing in the document to be produced and the reference~~
~~document~~, at a rare frequency thereof, a categories of the document to be produced
and the reference document, and a referring time or a referring frequency of the
document to be produced and the reference document, and it is searchable when

producing a new document ~~newly~~ or renewing an existing document, ~~upon basis of~~
~~based on that the~~ relationship ~~formed~~built up.

8. (currently amended) The job guidance and assistance method ~~with using a~~
~~computer~~, as described in ~~the claim 7~~, wherein the relationship ~~built up by the~~ based
on the at least one word appearing ~~at rate frequency~~ is executed with using a plural
number of words, in an order starting from a word, which appears in the document to
be produced, at the least.

9. (currently amended) The job guidance and assistance system ~~with using a~~
~~computer~~, as described in ~~the claim 2~~claim 1, wherein ~~all of said similarity~~
~~estimator~~estimation means, said ~~refer record search means~~referring record
searcher, and said document production record searcher ~~search means are made of~~
software programs implemented by the computer.